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Teams from across the state participate in 2009 Envirothon competition

BATON ROUGE – Ten high school and junior high school teams from across Louisiana participated in the Louisiana Envirothon, held last weekend at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Cade Farm. The teams competed for a chance to go to the North American Envirothon competition at the University of Carolina, Asheville in August.

The Canon Envirothon is a multidisciplinary and environmental problem-solving competition. The Louisiana competition is centered on testing categories; soils, forestry, current issue, wildlife and aquatics. The teams also participate in an oral presentation on an environmental problem. The teams compete for scholarships at the North American level.

The schools that participated this year are Audubon Zoo, Teams A and B, Baker Middle School, Beau Chene Future Farmers of America, Comeaux High School, Foutainbleau FFA, Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, Iberville Parish Math Science and Arts Academy, Northwest FFA and Parkview Baptist High. First Place in the competition went to the Audubon Zoo, Team A, Comeaux High won second place and third place went to Beau Chene FFA.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality provides resources and personnel for the Envirothon, which was sponsored by the Environmental Education Commission, Canon USA, Louisiana Departments of Wildlife & Fisheries, Agriculture and Forestry and Natural Resources, British Petroleum, Barataria-Terrbonne Estuary Foundation, Cooperative Extension Service, LA Environmental Health Association, LA Science Teacher Association, Air and Waste Management Association, Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts, Cheniere Energy, St Martin Parish government, Borden's Milk products, LP, McDonalds of Acadiana, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Southern University, Raising Cane's and Acadiana RC & D.

If you would be interested in competing in/or sponsoring next year's competition, call 225-219-3265 or visit the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon>.

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